

SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH SHELDON

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The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: registered charity no. 234216

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday 14th April 2024

Holy Mass Intention

Saturday Evening for Sunday

5:30pm Vigil Mass

Anne McGowan RIP Anniv

SUNDAY

9:00am Holy Mass Georgia Webley Special Int.

11:00am Solemn Mass

McDonagh, Wilkes & Maloney Families.

Weekday Masses Monday 15th

9:30am Holy Mass Rita Duffy

Tuesday 16th

9:30am Holy Mass John & Paul Crossan RIP

Wednesday 17th
---- NO Mass

Thursday 18th

--- NO Mass

Friday 19th

---- NO Mass

Saturday 20th

10:00am Holy Mass Pro Populo

10:30am Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

12noon Holy Baptism

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

5:30pm Vigil Mass Alice Simon &

Santhamma Abraham RIP

SUNDAY 21st

9:00am Holy Mass Denis O'Gorman RIP Anniv
11:00am Solemn Mass Christopher Kiernan &

James McCarron RIP

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 10:30am – 11:00am & 4:45pm – 5:15pm **Rosary** Monday – Friday before the morning Mass **Divine Mercy** - During Adoration on Fridays



THE ROAD TO EMMAUS

We cannot live, be Christians, fully realizing our humanity and the desires for good and happiness that dwell in our hearts without the Word of the Lord, which in the celebration of the liturgy takes shape and becomes a living word, spoken by God for those who today open their hearts to listen.

We cannot live as Christians without participating in the Sacrifice of the Cross in which the Lord Jesus gives himself unreservedly to save, by his death, humanity which had died because of sin; the Redeemer associates humanity with himself and leads it back to the Father; in the embrace of the Crucified One all human suffering finds light and comfort.



THE STATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST - THURSDAY 25th APRIL AT 6:30pm

The purpose of the Stations of the Eucharist is to help the faithful deepen both their understanding and appreciation of the Source and Summit of our faith: The Most Holy Eucharist. Through the whole of salvation history, God, our Father has prepared His people for the Gift of His Beloved Son, and also for the Gift of His Real Presence in the Most Holy Eucharist. Throughout the Old Testament, the Eucharist was prefigured. And in the New Testament, these shadows give way to Reality.



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR APRIL For the role of women

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

Recently Deceased – May they rest in peace

John Gaughan, Mary Doody, Mary Dillon, William Smith.

Michael Reaney Funeral Service at Woodlands

Tuesday 23rd April 12noon

John Eugene Doyle

Reception Tuesday 23rd 4:00pm

Requiem Mass

Wednesday 24th 1:30pm

Mary Smyth Reception Wednesday 24th 5:00pm

Requiem Mass

Thursday 25th 11:30am

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS This week are sponsored in Thanksgiving for all blessings received.

Please use envelopes provided for Mass Intentions and Sanctuary Lamp sponsorship.

WEEKLY GIVING TO THE CHURCH

07.04.24 - Gift Aid: £152.46. Non-Gift Aid: £417.08 Total: £569.54

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Next Weekend - Clergy Training Fund

SAFEGUARDING

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Sue Nightingale. They can be contacted at:

<u>sg.stthomasmore.bham@rcaob.org.uk</u> or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ <u>safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk</u> if you have any concern.

Office Hours; The Parish Office is open between 10:30am and 2:30pm Mon, Tue & Wed. Any requests for Baptism Appointments, certificates, parish centre enquiries etc; should be made during these times. Tel. 0121 743 2367 or Email: stthomasmore.bham@rcaob.org.uk

PARISH DIARY

MAY

Sunday 5th Saint Thomas More School First Holy Communion 11:00am

Ascension Day - Holyday of Obligation

Wednesday 8th Vigil Mass 6:00pm

Thursday 9th Masses 9:30am & 7:00pm

Saturday 11th Saint Andrew's School First Holy Communion 12noon
Sunday 12th Saint Thomas More School First Holy Communion 11:00am

EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

The prayerful commissioning of all ministers will take place at all three of the Sunday Masses the weekend of **Corpus Christi – 1**st & 2nd of June.

A letter inviting you to renew your ministry will be given a few weeks before Corpus Christi.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

This is an important part of getting ready for the actual celebration of Holy Baptism. The next meeting is **Tuesday 21**st **May**, at 6:30pm, after the evening Mass.

AFTERNOON TEA

The Like Minded Ladies are holding an afternoon tea on Sunday 28th April at 3:00pm. All proceeds will be divided between Marie Curie Hospice and Birmingham Dementia Group. We welcome donations for raffle prizes. Tickets are £10 each and will be available after all Masses. We are very short of people to help and we ask if anyone has time and could help us with the following to let Edel, Carmel or Agnes know:

set up on Saturday 27th at 2:00pm

help serve on the Sunday

make cakes for the event.

All help is greatly appreciated. The Like Minded Ladies

PIETY SHOP

First Holy Communion and Confirmation gifts and cards now available. We are open before and after all weekend Masses, 5:30pm Saturday, 9:00am & 11:00am Sunday. The Piety Shop helps to support the work of our parish so everything you purchase helps.

GIFT AID

If you are a taxpayer and not currently on the scheme please consider joining the Gift aid scheme. For every £1 you donate the Church can claim a further 25p from the government. The simplest way to donate is by setting up a Standing Order or alternatively weekly envelopes.

Gift Aid forms will be available after all Masses or contact Betty or Michael McDonald **07769 835069**



ST. THOMAS MORE'S PARISH TOTE - JACKPOT £250

Result for 10th April 2024 - Winning Numbers 10-03-02-09

Next Draw Monday 15th April after morning Mass.